

Torrance, California.
March 1st., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 1st., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 1932, and the minutes of a Special meeting of February 23, 1932, be adopted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Justice Court of Lomita Township under date of February 26, 1932, expressing thanks for the beautiful basket of flowers sent to the Justice Court at the formal opening February 24, 1932.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company under date of February 25th., 1932, regarding termination of time limit for construction of grade crossings. Councilman Steiner moved City Engineer be requested to ask for an extension of time. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett presented a petition filed in his office at 12:10 P.M. March 1, 1932, requesting that Ordinance #139 be amended. This petition has been checked and found to contain sufficient names to place the proposition on the ballot. The petition presented at the last regular meeting has also been checked.

City Attorney Findley advised that the Council had the authority to enact a referendum ordinance repealing Ordinance #139 and also to enact a referendum ordinance creating a Five (5¢) Cent tax. These ordinances to be placed on the ballot for the approval of the voters and tax payers.

Councilman Bell introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 230

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139.

and also introduced ORDINANCE NO. 231

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #139 AND CREATING IN LIEU THEREOF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF FIVE (5¢) CENTS ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION.

Clerk Bartlett presented a deed from Chas. H. Quandt that had been forwarded to City Engineer Leonard for right of way on Sepulveda Boulevard. Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Mr. Quandt which accompanied the deed, and introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 522

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED FOR RIGHT OF WAY FROM CHARLES H. QUANDT TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE OPENING AND WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Resolution No. 522. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Oral communications:

Mr. L.B. Kelsey called attention to the condition of the street light standards and suggested that they needed painting. After some discussion, this matter was referred to the committee.

Mr. H. M. Roberts called attention to the cracks and rises in the sidewalks on account of tree roots and asked who is responsible, the city or the property owner in case of an accident? City Attorney Findley stated the city would be responsible in case of an accident.

Mayor Dennis stated he attended the Orange Show at San Bernardino and that the Torrance American Legion Band had taken part in the parade, and as the condition of their suits are taken into consideration when they come up for review, suggested that it would only be fair to the band Corps if the expense of cleaning and pressing the suits be taken care of through the Five Cent Tax.

Councilman Steiner stated that floods had damaged about 1300 ft. of one of our main streets in the north end and requested the purchase of enough gravel and rock to repair same. Councilman Smith moved this request be granted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

City Attorney Findley reported he had been advised that in the suit of Wilcox vs. City of Torrance affecting the validity of the water bonds, the attorneys for the plaintiff filed a transcript on appeal February 10th. The time allowed in which to file briefs on the appeal will expire April 10th.

Councilman Nelson tendered his resignation from the Board of Trustees effective March 1, 1932, which Clerk Bartlett read. Councilman Bell moved resignation be accepted. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.
 Councilman Nelson not voting.

Councilman Smith moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.